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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

19 June 1961

~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Jet fighters in Cuba confirmed

A partly assembled MIG, probably a 17, has been spotted on San Antonio airfield in an aerial photograph taken 15 June. This information means that the previously reported--but still unconfirmed--shipment, would be the second such delivery.

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2. Laos Developments

c) The ICC is so organized that the Poles run the complaints department.

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d) On 16 June Pathet Lao forces clashed with a South Vietnamese patrol operating just inside Laos where Route 9 crosses the border. (See map at back of book.

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e) Late press reporting indicates that this morning's meeting in Zurich was confused and acrimonious.

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3. UAR halts press attacks
on USSR []

Nasir issued the order on 14 June. []

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[] Pravda has since
printed a new statement, but one so
mildly worded that it probably will
not revive the affair.

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4. Dominican opposition's
approach to US Consulate

Two sources have reported to the
Consulate that President Balaguer was
unable to control the Trujillo family.
Stating that immediate US armed inter-
vention was the only solution, they pro-
posed to begin a campaign of sabotage
against US holdings in order to "force"
intervention. The Consulate told them
such action was stupid and tends to
discount it as a possibility. []

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5. Bolivian Government
splits on imprisonment
of labor leaders

Ambassador Stevenson reported on
15 June that Vice President Lechin wants
the Communist leaders released. Presi-
dent Paz said that if unity is not
achieved and immediate US financial aid
received, his government will fall
"within a week." We think the loss of
Lechin's support will not by itself
bring Paz down. []

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6. Chinese [] to per-
suade Nehru to be more
"flexible" in the border
dispute

The Chinese are attempting to appear
reasonable to avoid new charges of
aggression if there are more border
incidents. The Indians also apparently
expect further trouble. We think U Nu
will be reluctant to go along. []

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7. Civilians to be appointed to South Korean economic ministries

The new military leaders probably realize their inability to deal with Korea's major economic problems. They will, however, keep direct control of the defense ministry and all others dealing with security, hence the upcoming changes do not mean a return to civilian government. [REDACTED]

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8. Pakistan disappointed with US

Pakistan's belief that the US favors India over Pakistan leads it to encourage press criticism of the US. The meetings recently held by the World Bank to coordinate aid to the two countries are said to have reinforced Ayub's dissatisfaction. [REDACTED]

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9. Neutralism growing stronger in Iran

This reflects public unhappiness over delays in reform, the resurgence of the National Front, and increasing Soviet psychological pressure. As long as Premier Amini has the Shah's support, however, his short-term prospects still seem to us reasonably good. [REDACTED]

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10. French considering setting up local administrations in Algeria

These would be without participation by the Provisional Algerian Government, and would be a form of pressure on the latter to be more forthcoming at Evian. The Algerians are playing a similar game in talking of "internationalizing the conflict." [REDACTED]

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11. Congo

Indian chargé

Rahman, [] has more or less on his own been supporting Gizenga against Kasa-vubu. []

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The arrests made by Mobutu are intended to neutralize the pro-Gizenga parliamentary bloc. []

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LATE ITEM

12. Plotting in Addis Ababa

[] various Ethiopian government leaders are plotting some sort of political-military action. We are unable to say more than that something is up and that an attempted coup is not unlikely. []

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NOTES

- A. The Soviet Central Committee meeting, which we thought would begin Saturday, actually was scheduled for this morning. [REDACTED] 50X1
- B. Ambassador Stevenson has delayed his departure from Quito and will fly to Bogotá tomorrow morning. Ecuador has been making some anti-Communist gestures for the occasion. Extreme precautions are being taken against demonstrations in Bogotá.
- C. Embassy Seoul has protested to the South Korean Government over its announcement that Chang To-yong will definitely come to Washington soon.
- D. Ikeda has departed for the US without incident. The planned riots fizzled.
- [REDACTED] 50X1
- F. The railway strike in the Sudan, which may develop into something bigger, began Saturday. 50X1
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] 50X1

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